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Planning Board



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September 27, 2016

Ms. Kathleen Curran
Town Clerk
600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway
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**RE: Site Plan Recommendations – 167 Driftway
Friends of Scituate Dog Park**

Dear Ms. Curran:

The proponents of the Dog Park are to be commended for devoting time and energy to a project which will benefit many residents of the Town of Scituate. The new Schematic Site Plan revised dated 9/19/16 is graceful and attractive. The connection to the McEachern Trails will increase use of the beautiful natural areas surrounding the park. At the same time, this site will require maintenance, is in a location with high multi-modal traffic volume, within a Zone II to a public well with a number of issues that need to be addressed.

At the September 22, 2016 Planning Board meeting, Stephen Pritchard, William Limbacher, Ann Burbine, Richard Taylor and Gerard Wynne being present and voting, the following Motion that the Planning Board make the following recommendations regarding the construction of a Dog Park at 167 Driftway was voted favorably with a unanimous vote of the members present:

1. A Site Plan Review must be approved by the Planning Board prior to the start of construction. This must address the issues and concerns identified below.
2. Engineered plans should be provided including design of a stormwater system or low impact development techniques based on the volume and rate of stormwater from the parking lot calculated under storm conditions typical of those normally considered by the Board. In order to review stormwater management on the property, existing and proposed grades must be provided.
3. In order to establish safe conditions for traffic on the Driftway and exiting the site, sight distances must be provided. The sharp turn and grade change at the entrance need further review. Sight line documentation in accordance with AASHTO requirements and a curb cut permit must be provided prior to the start of construction.
4. Signage should be installed on the Driftway Trail to alert walkers and bikers to crossing traffic, and to indicate a full stop at the entrance.
5. Due to the location within a Zone II to a public well, the proponents of the dog park must meet with the Water Resources Committee prior to Town Meeting.

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6. The entity responsible for maintenance and repair of the dog park and its parking facilities should be identified.
7. The entity responsible for the water bill, turning off the water in times of drought and controlling water use must be identified. Water lines and spigots and lighting and lighting fixtures shall be included on the construction plans identified in condition 1. The need for water and the dog wash station may need more consideration.
8. The dog park, parking, accessible route and required signage must meet all requirements of the ADA and the Scituate Commission on Disabilities.
9. The Applicant shall determine specific hours of operation and establish how the dog park shall be closed at night and who will be responsible for locking the facility. No lighting should be allowed beyond the operating hours.
10. Approval from the Traffic Rules Committee must be provided to the Planning Board prior to submission of the construction documents indicated in condition 1.
11. It is recommended there be no fewer than seven (7) covered waste receptacle and bag dispenser locations for animal waste. Specifications for the waste receptacles should be included on the construction plans identified in condition 1. Waste should be disposed of by a private hauler employed by the Applicant and disposed of once weekly at a minimum.
12. There should be no fewer than three (3) covered trash receptacles provided for use of patrons of the park. Specifications for the trash receptacles should be included on the construction plans. Trash should be disposed of by a private hauler, recommended to be employed by the Applicant and disposed of once weekly at a minimum.
13. The Applicant should provide an Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the dog park, parking area, stormwater system and other private infrastructure to the Planning Board to address maintenance of the stormwater system, walks, parking, driveway, landscaping, dog waste receptacles, trash receptacles and fencing. This should include provisions for snow removal and maintenance of safe conditions through the winter of all vehicle and walkways, and a description of annual maintenance of the driveway, parking area, lawn and landscaping.
14. The sign design should be approved by the Planning Board.
15. Black vinyl coated chain link fence should be used wherever chain link fence is called for on the plans. Double gates shall be as shown on the plan.
16. Existing shade trees should remain wherever possible to provide shade and aesthetics for the dog park.
17. The following rules are suggested:

Dog owners are required to remove all waste. • Dog owners are required to have voice control over their dog(s). • Dog owners are required to always keep their dog(s) in sight. • Dog owners are required to be present at all times. • No smoking, alcohol, or food is allowed in the dog park. • No pet grooming is allowed. • A minimum age for dog handlers is required. • Full immunizations of dogs are required. • Dogs in heat are not allowed. • A maximum number of dogs per owner/handler is established. • Dogs must be healthy. • Dogs must be spayed/neutered.

- Dogs must display a current license.
- Dogs showing any signs of aggression must leave the park.
- Dogs must be on a leash to and from the park access points.

Very truly yours,

Stephen R. Pritchard kj

Stephen R. Pritchard, Chairman

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